

July 29, 2022

Honorable Mr. Michael S Regan 1595 Wynkoop St., Denver, CO 80202

Dear Mr. Michael S Regan,

This letter serves as the State of Colorado's notice of intent to participate in the Emerging Contaminants in Small or Disadvantaged Communities grant program as authorized under section 1459A of the Safe Drinking Water Act. Colorado is committed to being part of the solution to delivering safe drinking water to our constituents by further addressing emerging contaminants, such as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances. This funding will play a significant role in helping small disadvantaged communities struggling with the resources necessary for upgrading their water infrastructure.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) will be the lead agency for the purposes of this grant. In 2020, CDPHE established a similar program to assist eligible entities with addressing these forever chemicals in firefighting foam and other sources as a result of Colorado's Senate Bill 20-218. This new federal grant will allow Colorado to continue to lead the way in helping communities eliminate the risk of exposure to these harmful contaminants and provide safe drinking water for generations to come.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our interest in this grant. We look forward to working with the EPA on the application. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with questions or if you need further information.

Sincerely,

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